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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of April 14, 2004. The three month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire July 14, 2004.

In view of the following remarks, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-95 are pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and further examination in view of the following remarks.

In the outstanding Office Action the drawings were objected to; claims 10, 21, 32, 43, 54, and 65 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph as indefinite; claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-14, 16-20, 22-25, 27-31, 33-36, 38-42, 44-47, 49-53, 55-58, 60-64, and 66-86 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,768,426 to Rhoads; claims 4, 15, 26, 37, 48, and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over the Rhoads '426 patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,233,684 to Stefik; claims 87-90 and 92-95 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over the